

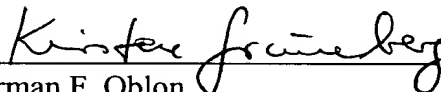
This application presents allowable subject matter, and the Examiner is kindly requested to pass it to issue. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the claims or otherwise wish to discuss this case, he is kindly invited to contact Applicants' below-signed representative, who would be happy to provide any assistance deemed necessary in speeding this application to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please amend the headline at page 14, line 3, to read as follows:

EXAMPLES 7 TO 12 (EXAMPLES 8 AND 9 ARE COMPARATIVE EXAMPLES)

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Claims 17-78. (Canceled)

Claims 79-83. (New)